

**TAB C**  
**HUNGARIAN REFUGEE SCREENING AT CAMP KILMER**

1. In compliance with presidential desires on the emergency acceptance of Hungarian refugees, the United States Army re-opened Camp Kilmer, New Jersey, and established there a special task force under Brigadier General Sidney G. WOOTEN. The Army designation for this assistance is Operation MERCY. At Camp Kilmer, General WOOTEN is assisted by a complete general staff and is also in command of the camp housekeeping personnel.

2. Incoming Hungarian refugees on arrival at the air port of entry are transferred to Camp Kilmer and processed in the following manner:

- a. U. S. Customs: routine check.
- b. U. S. Public Health Service: routine health check.
- c. U. S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (I & N S):  
 (assisted by an Army Civil Affairs G-5 team).
  1. Check of visa, if any.
  2. Fingerprinting.
  3. Photographs in two copies:
    - (a). One to I & N S for alien registration.
    - (b). One to G-5 Team.
  4. Alien registration card issuance.
  5. G-5 (Civil Affairs/Military Government) Team.
    - (a). Fills out a basic data card on each refugee.
    - (b). Issues a civilian identification card for use at Camp Kilmer.

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3. The entire processing described above takes approximately fifty-five minutes. At the conclusion of this processing the refugees are turned over to the welfare agencies. Since no Kosher messing facilities exist at Camp Kilmer, Jewish refugees leave immediately under the care of Hebrew International Aid Society and are fed and billeted in New York. Other refugees are housed and fed at Camp Kilmer until they are sent on to sponsors by the welfare agencies. Under present conditions these refugees remain at Camp Kilmer from forty-eight hours to ten days. The welfare organizations and the camp command are most reluctant to permit any refugee to be held or delayed for any purposes of questioning or debriefing.

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9. It has been possible for refugees to "go over the hill" from Camp Kilmer. Security has been tightened somewhat, but one or more refugees have left camp on their own.

10. This Agency understands that a representative of the Newark field office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation visits the Camp Kilmer G-2 office daily in connection with these screening problems.

11. USIS, RFE, news services, and leading news magazines have representatives at Camp Kilmer.

12. This Agency understands that the United States Military Attache in Vienna is cabling shipping manifests of all embarking refugees to the Department of the Army.

13. When larger groups of refugees start arriving they will be processed at the rate of 1,000 per day. Many, apparently, will be held for some time pending placement by welfare agencies.